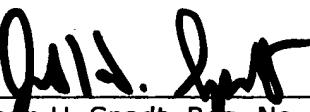


**Remarks**

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the above-identified claim amendments. Claims 1 and 3-15 have been indicated as allowed. Claim 2 has been cancelled. An early Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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